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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/526,893 | KAWASAKI ET AL. |
| | Examiner Esub D. Berhanu | Art Unit 3768 |

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1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 17 July 2007.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8,10-12 and 14-28.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Melvin Kraus on 17 September 2006, wherein amendments to claims 3, 15 and 28 regarding grammatical errors were discussed and amendments to clarify the invention in claims 26 and 28 were discussed. Applicant agreed to cancel claim 9, as it was not further limiting, and to update the dependence of claims 10 and 11.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3, line 3 has been amended to include the term - - the - - between the terms "near" and "infrared".

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claim 10, line 1 has been amended to replace the term "9" with the term - - 2 - -.

Claim 11, line 1 has been amended to replace the term "9" with the term - - 2 - -.

Claim 15, line 3 has been amended to include the term - - the - - between the terms "of" and "right".

Claim 26 has been amended to read:

26. A living body photometric apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the displaying means displays one of the at least one stimulation task signal patterns in a time course showing the highest

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correlation value in a different color from another of the at least one other stimulation [or] task signal patterns [others].

Claim 28, line 8 has been amended to include the term - - a - - between the terms "in" and "time".

Claim 28, line 22 has been amended to delete the phrase "the signals" after the phrase "a display means which displays", and to add the phrase - - the signals - - between the phrase "at least one of" and the term "processed".

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Etsub D. Berhanu whose telephone number is 571.272.6563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (7:00 - 3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eleni Mantis-Mercader can be reached on (571)272-4740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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